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LATEST TELEGRAMS. ENGLAND AND AMERICA. NEW BOND BILL.

A BIG GERMAN LOAN.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Mr. Carlisle, Secretary of the Treasury, yesterday granted an interview to a press representative, to whom he stated his objections to the House Bill. He said the measure, which would not affect the situation favourably. Difficulty was caused by the fact that the United States ultimately would be unable to procure gold to redeem the notes, and this fact could not be wholly removed until Congress took action indicating its purpose to pay all obligations in gold. The Secretary of the Treasury declared that although there was no substantial reason to doubt the character of the notes, the lack of a legislative declaration prevented the sale of the bonds to advantage and increased the demands for gold. In conclusion, Mr. Carlisle reiterated the arguments set forth in his annual report.—REUTERS.

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Berlin, Dec. 28.—The "Berliner Courier" learns that negotiations for the taking over of a new United States loan are proceeding between the U.S. government and some of the leading banking firms here. The negotiations are stated to be for a loan of \$200,000,000 dollars.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The House of Representatives to-day adopted Mr. McCall's resolution relative to Mr. Bayard's speech in support of the proposed amendment to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.—REUTERS.

VENEZUELA AND BRAZIL.
New York, Dec. 28.—The Caracas correspondent of the "Herald" says that it is generally believed in official circles in that place that Colombia will join Venezuela in resisting the designs of the United States. The "Herald" says that the "World" in the same town adds that it is reported Brazil will furnish 100,000 men and Colombia 80,000 in the event of war. As far as advice from Washington are concerned, there is ample evidence to show that the peaceful tone in political circles is becoming more and more marked, as statesmen generally are just at present more pre-occupied with their own personal troubles than with the exclusively foreign phase of the recent crisis. Public opinion is almost exclusively directed towards the rapid development of events in Venezuela, and the tendency which this may have to closer fusion among the South and Central American people of essentially Latin origin. It is suggested that the Venezuelan authorities, delicately conveying the information that they should be content to follow and not anticipate the lead of the Government at Washington.

ASHANTI EXPEDITION.
DEPARTURE OF THE STAFF.
CAPE COAST CASTLE, Dec. 27.—Some of the members of Sir F. Scott's staff started this morning for the Ashanti. The remainder will follow to-morrow.—REUTERS.

AKROU, Dec. 28.—Sir F. Scott has arrived here on his way to Freetown. Prince Henry of Battenberg and Prince Christian Victor have come with the staff. The commander-in-chief's party stopped for breakfast at Jakuma.—REUTERS.

CAPE COAST CASTLE, Dec. 27.—The a.s. Bekana, with Princes John and Albert Anash on board, arrived here to-day. Directly after landing the princes had an interview with Mr. Maxwell, governor. They start for Kumasi to-morrow.—REUTERS.

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REINFORCEMENTS DESPATCHED.
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further thinks the present situation may forecast a conflict which may find an echo in Europe.—REUTERS.

TURKEY AND THE POWERS.

THE ZEITUN MASSACRE.

A Reuter's Constantinople telegram says: No details have yet been received concerning the actual capture of Zeitun by the Turkish troops, but some few particulars are to hand regarding the events which preceded it. It appears that the Turks only used their cannon against the barracks which were held by the armed insurgents. The building was set on fire, and the Armenians had to take to flight and seek refuge in the mountains. The town, which was crowded with people, was left at the mercy of the soldiery. The passes in the vicinity of Zeitun being occupied by troops, and all means of communication being thus cut off, the surrender of the insurgents appeared inevitable. In reply to their representations at the Palace the Dragoman of the Embassies were informed that orders had already been given to Mustafa Rami Pasha, the military commander of Zeitun, and would be renewed, that the non-combatants as well as the women and children should not be molested. Moreover, Rami Pasha, who completed his military studies in Germany, has a reputation for humanity, and this affords ground for the hope that the apprehended massacre of Armenians at Zeitun will be averted. Much comment has been excited here by the departure of the Russian squadron from Sebastopol for an unknown destination on the 15th inst. Advices from Trebizond state that 35 Armenians, among them several of good position, who were thrown into prison after the massacre of October, have not been set at liberty. On the contrary some have been, and others are being tried by court martial. Notwithstanding the great secrecy maintained regarding the proceedings of this court, it has transpired that 7 of the prisoners are still undergoing trial, 6 have been condemned to death, 1 to penal servitude for life, 3 to exile, 5 to 5 years, 1 to 10 years, and 1 to 15 years' penal servitude; three to 3 years' detention in a fortress, 2 to 5 years, and 2 others to 15 years' imprisonment. The 6 men condemned to death are a priest, two merchants, a lawyer, a professor, and a carpenter. The other prisoners include merchants and professors (one of the latter being a Protestant), clerks, jewellers, tailors, and village labourers.

WELCOME TO PRINCE HOHENLOHE.

A Reuter's Vienna telegram says:—This morning's papers publish sympathetic articles in welcome of Prince Hohenlohe, who is now visiting his brother in this capital. The "Freidenkblatt" dwells on the high position enjoyed by the German Chancellor with men of all parties, on his experience and circumspection, and the firmness which he has displayed in his foreign policy, more especially in the support he has offered to Austria-Hungary's Eastern policy. The journal concludes by welcoming the prince to the Austrian capital. The "Neue Freie Presse" likewise calls attention to the loyalty of the Chancellor's attitude during the Eastern crisis, and describes him, with his well-tried prudence, as the right man to act as a trustworthy mediator between Russia and Austria-Hungary, and to influence Turkey for the alliance of the Central Powers. The "Neue Freie Presse" likewise calls attention to the loyalty of the Chancellor's attitude during the Eastern crisis, and describes him, with his well-tried prudence, as the right man to act as a trustworthy mediator between Russia and Austria-Hungary, and to influence Turkey for the alliance of the Central Powers.

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LORD LONDONDERRY ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Lord Londonderry opened a Conservative Club at Tudhoe (Durham) yesterday. There was no one, he said, who would view with anything but horror and indignation the atrocities committed in Armenia. What, however, must cause some surprise was the action of certain persons who thought that that horror and indignation were monopolised by themselves and shared by no one else. He (Lord Londonderry) had not discussed this matter with a member of her Majesty's Government, but from his personal acquaintance with them he was sure that they yielded to none in their desire that the fullest justice should be meted out to every subject of the Sultan. We must, however, remember our position. England was but one of the great Powers of Europe who were endeavouring to solve this great question. Having, as Lord Salisbury said, determined to stand together, not one, least of all England, could move without the concerted action of the others. England did not wish to be the first to break the agreement, and could not fail to produce results most disastrous to those it was meant to benefit. Dealing with the Venezuelan question, Lord Londonderry said that this was now exciting the greatest attention. Here Lord Salisbury was determined to maintain the rights England had asserted since the treaty of Vienna in 1814—rights which the Dutch, from whom England had conquered British Guiana, claimed as far back as 1759. With regard to other rights about which there might be doubts, Lord Salisbury was perfectly prepared to accept arbitration. President Cleveland sent a message to Congress yesterday declaring that this assertion should be a cause belli between England and America, carrying out, he asserted, the principle of the Monroe doctrine, which had not been promulgated when England took possession of British Guiana. In this country all parties were agreed, whilst for once the overwhelming majority of continental opinion supported Lord Salisbury. What was the result of President Cleveland's action? It gave a severe shock to financial credit in America, and involved terrible losses to many thousands of people who had invested their savings in American securities. We were all anxiously inquiring the cause of this, and we sincerely trust that the President had not been actuated by motives of personal or party character.

A "J.P." FINED.

At Liverpool yesterday, Wm. Matkin, J.P. for Liverpool, and secretary of the General Union of Carpenters and Joiners, was charged with being drunk and assaulting a P.C. There was also a charge of assaulting the constable with assault.—Evidence was given that the policeman found Matkin and a woman loitering in the street late at night, and when he spoke to them Matkin asked if the officer knew he was a J.P. He then assaulted the officer, and was taken to the Bridewell and charged with drunkenness and assault. When there he did not, as alleged, make any complaint, but this Matkin denied, and added that the woman was respectable and the wife of a chemist. He only removed the officer's hand from his shoulder.—The evidence was very contradictory, but the stipendiary assize did not, as alleged, make any complaint, but this Matkin denied, and added that the woman was respectable and the wife of a chemist. 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CHAPTER III.—(CONTINUED).

He had often since wondered how it was that he did not stay away from us entirely. Judging from his dress and his general appearance he was doing well in the business he was pursuing. He carried a gold watch and wore a always money in his pocket. But he appeared to be doggedly determined that mother should have none of it unless she gave it to him and was unscrupulous as to how he came by it. He never gave up the idea that he time he should conquer her, and he never tired of trying.

But he did not know the depth of patience my dear mother was possessed of. It was with her in the opposite sense as with him. For all the help he was in our poor home she might have left him and gone somewhere where he was not likely to find her and been all the happier for it. But she hoped with perseverance to win him from the crooked path to the straight, and what she endured by the way she reckoned a light.

Her strength of body as well as mind. She grew gradually weaker, and in a few months became too ill to leave her bed. But I had no thought that she was dying. Nor can I believe that my father had. That he was somewhat ill with some ailment, but that there was still in a way, fond of her, and that he had known that she was soon to die he would have been with her at the last if it had been possible.

It may not have been, and that he had his own reasons for that particular kind of keeping out of the way. Anyhow we had not seen him for nearly a week when one afternoon while I was at play in the street I was hurriedly fetched by a neighbour and taken straight to my dear mother's bedside. She was propped up in the bed with pillows and had her eyes there, and as soon as she saw me she held out her arms.

"God help you, my poor little son," she said feebly as she hugged me to her breast and kissed me. "You have been mother's only comfort, and now she must leave you. But God will take care of you if you are good, Jimmy. You will be good, won't you, for mother's sake."

I was too scared, but I heard every word she said, and understood. I told her that I would try, and she kissed me again and again, and then her hold on me was slackened, and they took me away.

I saw nothing of my mother's funeral. Although not a woman to make gossiping acquaintance, she was much respected by the few who knew her, and amongst them was one who lived a few streets off. She had children of her own, and I went and stayed with her.

My father, I believe, followed my mother to the grave, but it was not until several days after the happening of that sad ceremony that he came home.

I was then just turned of eight years old, but, taking after my father, who was well built and of above the average height, I was tall enough to have passed for ten. My father behaved very generously to the person who had been taking care of me, and bought me a suit of clothes, of which I was greatly in need.

I had been wondering all the time what would be done without mother, and what I could possibly do by myself all day in our room, especially if father stayed away as long at a time as he was in the habit of doing. But all such speculations were put an end to when he remarked:

"Now, Jimmy, it is time we started for home. We shall have to take an omnibus."

"But it is only just a little way, father. I won't take us five minutes to get to Bacon-street, and you are not going there, but to another home, Jimmy. And bear this in mind, my boy, you have got to do as you are bid, and we must have no mother used to do this, that, and the other. It is me now and you are old enough to know what will put up with no nonsense. What I mean is, when I say to you to do a thing, it has to be done or we shall fall out."

There was nothing so dreadful in the alternative as he expressed it, but somehow it was instantly connected in my mind with the blow he dealt mother that day, making her mouth bleed.

We went by omnibus and crossed Blackfriars Bridge as far as Camberwell on the Surrey side, and the house my father took me to was a very respectable one in a neighbourhood superior to any I had ever seen.

A middle-aged landlady opened the door. She was nicely dressed, and wore a silk gown and had shining rings on her fingers.

"This is Mrs. Macey, Jim," my father remarked. "I live here, and she is as kind as a mother to make her house your home, for the present at all events. You won't be at a loss for companions. She has two boys of her own, and no doubt you will get on very well together."

who go to Sunday school, don't we, Billy?"

"But my mother taught me that it was right," said I, "and I would rather believe her than you."

"Right or wrong, mammy's molly coddle, we won't have it here, I tell you. So up into bed before we help you."

And before I could do as they ordered they both came at me and flung me on to my bed and put out the light.

Nor was that the worst of it. They slept together in a bed on the other side of the room, and on purpose to annoy me, they kept up a conversation between themselves and accusing my dead mother of such outrageous things. I was so exasperated that I could have almost killed them for it had I been strong enough.

They took to the "mad bag" maker of Brick-lane, who was that pious-strait she fed herself and her boy on carrots and cabbage leaves, so as to save her pence to put in the missionary box. She would not, they declared, spare a penny for any but a tract to read on Sunday afternoon all about fire and brimstone. She went about in rags so as to be able to contribute towards hymn-books for the savages at the cannibal islands, and was frightened into fits when her husband, Jim Dalton, used naughty words.

Jim, they said, had to walloper her to bring her to, and then she took to snivelling and pined all the flesh off her bones and died, and a jolly good riddance too.

So that it was plain to me that with all the foolishness of their talk, they must have known something of the actual state of affairs as well as of the cause of disagreement between my father and mother.

But I kept my mouth shut while I listened to them, and, finding that they could not goad me to make any reply, they at length went to sleep. I thought to myself, "My father will have something to say to them when I tell him about it in the morning."

And I told him when we were by ourselves and I had a chance of doing so, and when I repeated it hard crying, they had said I couldn't help crying.

He waited till I had finished, and then said:

"And so you told the boys what your mother had taught you, and that you would rather believe her than them?"

"Then take this," said my father, giving me such a box on the ear, I was knocked nearly off my feet. "It may make you remember what I told you. The sooner you forget about your mother and all her precious sayings and doings the better it will be for you. What you have got to think about now is how to please your father, and you are a long way off doing that when you are saucy to my friends, young or old. If you ever offend me in the same way again I will beat you till your bones ache."

He then told me that he had promised her that last time, and would keep my word whatever happened.

I kept my thoughts to myself, however, and though the Macey boys with their taunting and their often repeated "mad" do it, I never again mentioned my mother's name to them.

And after awhile we were pretty friendly together. I had nothing to complain of, a general way. I got plenty of good food, and Mrs. Macey would often give me a sixpence and as I liked, and was otherwise kind to me.

Generally speaking, I was by myself during the greater part of the day. As there was a large garden at the back of the house, and it was summer-time, I did not mind that. As for Bob and Bill Macey they were out almost every day with their "mammy," as they called her. Where they went or what they did they never breathed of a word to me.

But, young as I was, I used to think it strange, while they were at home, any shabby old clothes were good enough for their wear. But usually about eleven in the morning they dressed for their daily outing with their mother, and had they been the best of the finest gentlemen in the land they could not have been more genteelly attired, with college caps, and with well-fitting kid gloves.

As for Mrs. Macey she too was always handsomely dressed on such occasions, and the three would go out together, and return at about five o'clock in the afternoon, sometimes in the best of spirits, at others, moody-looking as though they had met with something in their long walk that had not altogether pleased them.

"What at, father?" I asked him.

"Oh, you will know presently," he made answer. "All that you have got to do is to do as you are told, especially when Mrs. Macey tells you. She has taken quite a fancy to you, Jim, and you must do all you can to please her."

I wondered what he meant, but I was too much afraid of him to ask any more questions. I soon found out, however, without asking.

The next afternoon, the two boys being out, Mrs. Macey sent for me. She was in the drawing-room, as it was called, and dressed just as when she went out, but she did not wear her gloves or bonnet on. She was in a good humour, and talked to me pleasantly for awhile, and then she remarked:

"They have all gone out and left you and me at home to amuse ourselves, Jimmy, as best we can. What game shall we play at? I did not know any game, I told her, and she said she would teach me one.

"Did you ever hear of a game called 'Nimble Nip,' Jimmy?"

"No, ma'am, I never did."

"Then I will show you how to play at it. See here! I have got three pockets in my dress—one at the side, one at the back, and one at my waist in front. I play just as you, you are not to know which you hide your eyes while I place it there, and then I feel my handkerchief over my eyes, and you creep softly after me and try all my pockets so gently that I shall be unaware of it, and you try to take out the purse without my knowing it. Every time you succeed I give you sixpence. That's 'Nimble Nip,' Jimmy."

It was an amusing game, and bearing in my mind my father's injunction that I was to do all I could to please Mrs. Macey, I entered into it with spirit. But I was not very successful in winning sixpences. With her eyes fixed on me, she would always find the purse, and made pauses at the first place, centre-board, the piano, and I softly followed her. She must have played the game before, for she was able to instruct me in the way of it.

"Don't try with the dress hanging at its own weight. Lift it up a little, with one hand, just above the pocket. Don't thrust it out, but hold it close, and slide in your two first fingers, and use them like the blades of a pair of scissors." But though we played "Nimble Nip" for nearly an hour I earned but one sixpence. Mrs. Macey appeared to be particularly fond of the game of "Nimble Nip." I naturally thought that she had introduced it merely to pass away a dull hour, and that after the first day there would be no more of it, and that she would go out with her two sons as usual. But be for you. What you have got to think about now is how to please your father, and you are a long way off doing that when you are saucy to my friends, young or old. If you ever offend me in the same way again I will beat you till your bones ache."

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To please her I told her that I liked it very much indeed.

"You will like it better when you are more clever at it, so I am going to give you a few more lessons. But the winning mustn't be all on one side. You must take your chance of losing, and that will make you sharper. You have got a shilling, you say?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"Very well, then. To-day we are going to play in this way. Each time you succeed in nipping the purse out of my pocket without me being aware of it, I will give you sixpence, but for every three times you have without my seeing successful you will give me sixpence. So pull yourself together, Jimmy, and show me how smart you can be."

And she blindfolded herself with her pocket-handkerchief, as she did the day previous, and the game commenced. But her aim was keener than I was, and she won the first time, and I was daller than when she had played at the game, and I lost my shilling over the first six times, and went on blundering three or four times after that. But she wasn't pleased. She was put out of temper, and gave me such a slap on the face it set me off crying.

"You are not trying, you little blockhead," she exclaimed. "It is no wasted endeavouring to teach you."

"Can't we play at anything else, ma'am? I don't think I much like this game after all."

"But you have got to learn to like it. I shall have to tell your father what a stupid little donkey you are if you don't get better."

I felt altogether puzzled; if the game we were playing at was merely for amusement, and that it was for her to be so angry because I was slow at it? But her threat to tell my father at once put me on my mettle, and I dried my tears and went at it more cautiously, and soon succeeded in winning back the two sixpences I had forfeited, and two more as well.

I played "Nimble Nip" with Mrs. Macey for a couple of days, and then for a whole week. By way of varying the fun she would sometimes carry her purse in a lady's handbag. She would saunter blindfold carefully about the room swinging it by the handles, and my part in the game was to follow her about softly, and when she turned and take out what was inside without her being aware of it. I did not think it would be possible, and made a great many attempts before I succeeded, but after a day or two's practice I could accomplish it quite easily.

It was profitable pastime, when one got used to it; by the end of the week I was able to win as much as half a crown in an afternoon. But Mrs. Macey didn't mind. She was so proud at having taught me the game so perfectly that on the Saturday she had her husband in that he might see what a clever player I was. He stood looking on with his back to the fire, good-humouredly looking on for at least a quarter of an hour, and then remarked to his wife:

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THE THEATRES.

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The tedium proverbially attributed to a twice-told tale is assuredly not found in the repetitions of the old fairy stories in their new settings as told by the ever-enterprising Sir Augustus Harris at Old Drury. This year's Yuletide, in collaboration with Messrs. Cecil Raleigh and A. Sturges, the indefatigable manager, recites anew the child's legend of "Cinderella," and with such novelty of treatment, without departure from the familiar lines of the story, as serves to intensify rather than diminish popular interest in the heroine of the "little glass slipper," as tradition, preserving an ancient popular error, describes the little lady's lost shoe, but which in the original French fairy tale of the Comtesse d'Alois is really the little fur slipper of ermine or miniver. But whatever mistake may be still made in the English description of the famous slipper, there is none about the latest Drury pantomime, founded upon its legend. In this new version, seen and welcomed on Boxing Night at the great national playhouse, the King of Toy Land, after his toy subjects have alighted from a toy train and introduced themselves in a quaintly charming toy ballet, is introduced the Spirit of Pantomime to furnish Druslanus, whose ambassador she is, with a subject for his Yuletide entertainment. Cinderella, despite the fact of her having done duty as heroine more than once previously, is selected, and, after a revelation of the pretty little lady seen in a vision sleeping before the fire, the scene changes to the kitchen of the infamous stepmother, where, in a plaintive ditty, she sings of having dreamt she was a fairy. From this soft fancy she is practically aroused to the hard fact of being the drudge of her two elder sisters by their squabbling over the question which shall have her services. The Baron interposes, protecting Cinderella, whereupon the Baroness, taking the other side, joins in the fray, leading to family ructions, which end in the irate mother chasing her ill-used youngest daughter from her presence. Other causes of trouble exist in this baronial household, for its master, hard up, leading to a distraint upon his goods by bailiffs, who, to accommodate matters, are put upon the footing of guests, and all the more that invitations to party to the castle have been just sent out. The venue changes to the court of the Prince, and presently to a hunt in the forest, which his subjects have turned out to witness. There his honest eyes chance to light upon Cinderella, with whose simple innocence he is smitten; so that, directly the dogs have found and gone away, followed by the company, he returns to make her acquaintance. The result is that the Baron and his family, to their great surprise and even greater delight, receive an invitation to the forthcoming ball at the Royal Palace. Thither the parents, with their two elder daughters go, leaving the despoiled and neglected Cinderella at home. But the good fairy comes to her, and she is carried in the beautiful glass coach, drawn by the magic white mice, to the entertainment. The legend thereafter follows its traditional course, until the final triumph of Cinderella comes in, the slipper has been lost in her hurried departure from the ball being found, after many trials upon the feet of false claimants to its ownership, to fit no other foot but her own, upon which the Prince claims her for his bride. The course of the action gives scope and opportunity for spectacular scenes of exceeding elegance and beauty, and to one of rare humour. At the reception by the Baron and Baroness the two ballets, played with their rare unctuous humour by the Griffiths Brothers, volunteer to entertain the company by a wrestling match, in which the drollery of their acrobatic attitudes and struggles incited roars of laughter. The first of the beautiful fairy ballets seen in the pantomime represents a woodland glade, in which, as the dryad nymphs glide through their graceful evolutions, the season changes from autumn to winter, shown by the bronzing of the foliage and then the fall of the leaf through the simulation of a snowstorm. Perfect as this scene is in its scenic chromaticism, it is surpassed in fanciful beauty—first, by the ball scene, in which Cinderella arrives in her fairy chariot illuminated by electric lamps, which also gleam through multi-coloured globes in two circles revolving in opposite directions, and filling the entire wall space at the back of the stage. The magnificent marvel of this gorgeous chromaticism, least of all the visual scene was equalled, if not excelled, by the final view of the grand hall of the Prince's Palace, in which, while the dancers in their sumptuous robes in a many dance poetically symbolise the twelve hours of the daylight and the corresponding twelve hours of darkness, six angel-like girls form a group through a series of aerial rhythmic movements, during which they are raised and lowered by an unseen agency under a broad diaphanous canopy, in the filmy meshes of which gleam a myriad electric lights. The effect of this pageant is illusively fairy-like, and all the more so because the mechanical means which, while apparently setting the laws of gravitation at defiance, cannot be detected. This spectacle, with its combined attraction of mystery and beauty, must be recorded as the crowning triumph of the pantomime; and, what is more, the most poetical spectacular presentation yet given by the inventive genius of the Drury-lane manager. The acting was well up to the mark, the production, Miss Ada Blanche, the spirituellest of fairy princesses, and in the new comer, Miss Isa Bowman, the audience welcomed a Cinderella of sympathetic ingenious charm, grace of face, form, and gesture, and sweet though small singing voice. Another stranger was seen, heard, and applauded in Miss Corinne, whose charming ditty in broken English she sang so prettily, and which to make it, upon an encore, Mr. Herbert Campbell's rubicund visage and rotund form made his Baron the funnier; while the odd, eccentric, impish humour of Mr. Dan Leno found opportunity for its full expression as the Baroness. Miss Larkin and Miss Emily Miller were diverting after their kind as the pair of eld sisters, and Mr. Lionel Rigold was commendably reticent as a Court chamberlain. There are several musical numbers in the piece which bid fair to become popular—such as the Prince's ditty, parodying that of Mr. Arthur Roberts, and called "Now they've got something to play with," and Mr. Leno's topical song, "That's what

I'm crying for." Also a smart parody, upon the old song, "The Well-remembered old melody," in the Strand, sung with great verve and raciness by Mr. Herbert Campbell. These, as well as others too numerous to mention, were redemptive. The harlequinade brought the 1895 Drury-lane pantomime to a successful close, prior to which Sir Augustus Harris and his few collaborators were called to receive the well-earned meed of gratulatory plaudits.

LYCEUM.

Proverbially, there is nothing succeeds like success, and the welcome given by the playing public to Mr. Oscar Barrett's two previous pantomimes at Mr. Irving's theatre, was notably to the former, "Cinderella," has just secured for his third Yuletide production the kind of vested interest in popular appreciation, corresponding to what is known in business, as credit and goodwill. A practical proof of this was seen in the crowd which, despite the foul weather, filled the Lyceum on Wednesday afternoon, when the fairy pantomime of "Robinson Crusoe," written by Mr. Horace Lennard, with music composed and arranged by Mr. Oscar Barrett, was presented for the first time. It is as well to premise that the theatre being retained for evening performances by Mr. Forbes Robertson on Wednesday afternoon, yet another Xmas entertainment upon the subject of De Foe's immortal hero, reminds the spectator of the dilemma in which its writer is placed by the nature of his theme. For, following the fascinating story of Crusoe closely, alone on the island save for the presence of his man Friday, necessarily prevents the introduction of other human beings for purposes of ballet and spectacle as well as of the personal contrast and contention which is the very soul of dramatic interest. So the dog, cat, and parrot, and their master, with man Friday thrown in, not constituting enough personages to fill out a sustaining stage story, even in a pantomime, Mr. Lennard, following many a precedent from the days of Grimaldi with whom man Friday was a favourite character, to our own, has introduced the King of the Cannibal Islands, with his savage subjects and his lovely daughter, supplementing the Polynesian natives, moreover, by bringing over to Juan Fernandez Robinson's sweetheart, pretty Polly Hopkins, accompanied by her mother, with a following of British shopgirls. The result of this new departure from the convincing actuality of the time and place is a lot of fun, but very little De Foe. The original narrative is followed closely enough at the outset, where Crusoe, as a lively young sailor lad, is met with at the port of Hull, where our hero, after rescuing his sweetheart, Polly Hopkins, from the ravishing buccaner, Will Atkins, is made the victim of a press gang. His future fate, revealed to him in a dream, is pictured as he sleeps in the bar parlour of The Golden Anchor by means of a triple sequence of tableaux, the first showing his ship in full sail, the second the vessel wrecked on the rocks of the South Sea island, and the third Crusoe himself making his way towards the shore on a raft with the salvage of the wrecked vessel's stores, including the live stock. The scene changes to the lonely mariner's home on the island, behind a stockade raised by him, having the dog, cat, goat, and parrot for his companions. The group is presently joined by Friday, brought in as prisoner by the tattooed myrmidons of the Cannibal King, whose intention to make long pig of his captive and have him served up as an appetising roast for dinner is frustrated by Friday's agility in breaking his bonds and taking refuge within the stockade, from which Crusoe, by aid of his gun, soon helps to drive off and disperse the savages. Thereupon follows a capital scene, in which man Friday, terrified at the novel sight of the white man who has saved his life, speedily becomes reconciled to his new master, and devotes the rest of his life to his service. At this juncture Will Atkins, with his shipmates, appears in the offing, wherever that may be, bringing with him Polly Hopkins, whom he has abducted and carried off on shipboard from her English home. 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This spectacle transcends in beauty and freshness the transformation scene presenting the coral caves of ocean, which is too masterly and positive in its high and intricate colour to suggest a fairy submarine elysium. Miss Alice Brooks as Robinson Crusoe was pleasing in a negative way, lacking the power of individuality required to give the part distinctive prominence. Polly Hopkins has a winsome representative in Miss Grace Lane, who compensates by the youthful charm of her prettiness, as well as her agreeable voice, both in speaking and singing, for a want of forceful expression. As Mrs. Crusoe, Mr. Victor Stevens made broad fun out of the part; and Mr. F. Emery was no less ludicrously diverting as Will Atkins, the smuggler. Miss Susie Vaughan made the most of the almost colourless role of a naval captain, and Masters Wilkes, E. Allen, A. Gough and H. Linwood gave amusing embodiment respectively to the dog, goat, parrot, and cat. The agile dancing of Mr. Fred Storey told with excellent effect as the Cannibal King, and, as already stated, Mdlle. Zanfretta won admiration for her delicious graceful as the savage princess. But the leading feature of the pantomime which vitalised it, to the delight of the audience, was the man Friday of the imitator Mr. Charles Lauri. Primarily as the savage, and afterwards in that character disguised as an ape, he enthralled the interest of all present by the naturalness of his perfectly charac-



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DUKE OF YORK'S.

Messrs. Shirley and Landeck's military drama, "Tommy Atkins," after drawing crowded audiences through a long run to the Pavilion Theatre, was last Monday brought on the strength of its success at the East-end up to the West, where it was presented as the holiday attraction at the Theatre of the Duke of York. The playhouse provided over by Messrs. Cartwright and Dana. The story of this stirring melodrama, told in detail in the "People's" columns when first brought out at the White-chapel theatre, will be still fresh in the memory of our readers, to whom the recapitulation would prove literally as tedious as not to be provided over by Messrs. Cartwright and Dana. The story of this stirring melodrama, told in detail in the "People's" columns when first brought out at the White-chapel theatre, will be still fresh in the memory of our readers, to whom the recapitulation would prove literally as tedious as not to be provided over by Messrs. Cartwright and Dana. 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YESTERDAY'S SPORTING.

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CYCLING.
STYLING AT THE AQUARIUM.

The ladies' long distance contest reached its climax last day at the Aquarium yesterday. Miss Lambie, who has been absent all the week, re-appeared in action. In the 2 hours devoted to Section A, Mrs. Reid made the pace through, but could not reduce the 7 laps lead held by Miss Henry. When this contest left the track the scores were—Miss Henry, 5 miles 6 laps; Mrs. Ward, 368 miles 7 laps; Miss Lambie, 562 miles 6 laps; Miss Dennis, 522 miles 6 laps; Miss Petterson, 470 miles 4 laps; Miss Fairlie, 430 miles 3 laps; and Miss Reid, 382 miles 3 laps.

hours the riders in Section 5 were on the track, board their dismounting.—Missie, Fairlane, 615 miles 3 laps; Mrs. Ward, 615 miles 3 laps; Miss Dumas, 616 miles 5 laps; Miss Field, 606 miles 3 laps; Miss Union, 615 miles 3 laps; Miss Gamble, 320 miles 3 laps. In interval between the races, four made riders, but none of them were in the running for the 34 races contest. This proved to be an exciting race between Kincaid and Davis. The latter lost a lap 25 laps through a defective machine after leading most of the race. He was tried to make up for his discouraging cheers, but without effect and won by a lap. Time, 14r 15min 27sec. When Section 6 was reassembled, the following was the order of the combination in spirited fashion, and Beany's lead was quickly reduced by a couple of laps. After this may hang on desperately, and there was no further change in the order of the race. The following were the riders being:—Miss Beany, 634 miles 3 laps; Mrs. Ward, 613 miles 3 laps; Miss Gamble, 315 miles 2 laps; Miss Dennis, 335 miles 1 lap; Miss Union, 615 miles 3 laps; Miss Field, 606 miles 3 laps. After an hour or more, when Fairlane's tyre wore away, and she lost 11 laps of her three laps' lead, she was dropped out of the race. Greatly surprised, Fairlane's minute from the track. Suddenly paced Beany, Marcelle tried to reduce the lead of a lap but Fairlane now held, but without avail, for the latter started again and won. The following were the riders:—Miss Fairlane, 644 miles 2 laps; Mrs. Beany, 644 miles 3 laps; Miss Union, 615 miles 3 laps; Miss Field, 606 miles 3 laps; Miss Dumas, 616 miles 3 laps; Miss Gamble, 320 miles 3 laps. The race was a close one, but Beany's lead was not shaken. She won the finish, and heartily cheered Fairlane and Marcelle for their spirited duelling.

RACING AT OLYMPIA.—The first Kensington, various cup races were contested. The five mile race was won by A. Berkeyan, of Germany, by a few inches, in 3 min. 25 sec. J. Fisher, Belgium, was second, and F. Berkeyan, Germany, third. The ladies' race, 1 mile 3 laps to the mile, was won by Mollie Deveraux in 3 min. 34 sec. Mollie Serpollette being second. The preliminary heats of a mile scratch race were also decided, the final being left over till Monday. The first heat was won by N. Fournier in 3 min. 24 sec., and A. Berkeyan being second. J. Fisher was the second heat. After a close race A. Berkeyan, in 3 min. 34 sec.

BILLIARDS.

A MARIETTA TOURNAMENT.

During the week club billiard tournaments on the American principle was contested at the hall in Deans-
ter, Soho. Some unlucky play was witnessed, and
at the end of the fortnight, on Friday the results,
with the handicap in brackets of 300, were as follows:—

Campe (Cigar Club), scratch, won 4 and lost 0; Har-
wood (Haidinston Club), received 50 start, won 3 and
lost 3; Darling (R. L. Y. C.), 50 start, won 2 and lost
3; Critchell (Haywards Club), scratch, won 2 and lost
3; Darling (R. L. Y. C.), 90 start, won 1 and lost 3;
Ashkop (Raleigh Club), 30 start, lost 4. In the final
round, Harwood (Haidinston Club), 50 start, won 4
and lost 0; Darling (R. L. Y. C.), 50 start, won 4
and lost 0; F. Ashkop (Raleigh Club), 50 start, by 79 points.
5 points. Campe (Cigar Club), scratch, beat Darling (Royal
London Yacht Club), 90 start, by 60 points; F. Har-
wood (Haidinston Club), 50 start, by 50 points; W. Critchell
(Haywards Club), scratch, by 22 points. Harwood in
this game made the highest break of the day—60
the next being 50 by Campe, the winner of the tournament.
The total for the week was 300, of which he was
lost by each player:—

Campe	5	0
Harwood	4	1
Emson	3	3
Critchell	3	3
Darling	4	4
F. Ashkop	0	5
W. Critchell	0	5

VOLUNTEERS YESTERDAY.

HON. ARTILLERY COMPANY.

The Earl of Denbigh, commanding officer of this corps, announced that the infantry of the company would be sent to the shorefast at Easter, and be attached for four days to the South London Brigade. The Artillery will proceed by march route to Aldershot at Wateiside for 6 days, and on June 25 the Artillery will be sent to Canterbury for a practice returning to London either on June 27 or 28. The annual inspection of the infantry will probably take place on July 11.

3RD MIDDLESEX.

The annual Christmas prize meeting of the Highgate detachment of this corps was held on the rifle ranges at Child's Hill, near Cricklewood, in the worst

still some weather, for which almost all the targets, and especially the ones at the far end of the afternoon range, were excellent shooting took place. The five rounds at 100 yards were altered from 200 yards on account of the fog. Shooting commenced at 10 a.m., and continued until 6 p.m. The following are the results found that the leading winners of prizes were Pte. C. Saunders, who headed the list with 19 out of 20 possible 20, followed by Sergt.-inst. Whitten (late of the Buffs) with 18; Capt. J. H. B. Smith, 18; Lance-corp. Leggitt, Ptes. Saunders, Chatter, Linfoot, and Powell, Brigadier Kaye, Ptes. Judd, and S. Alfred, 17 each; Capt. Jay, Lieut. Greenwood, Pte. J. Parker, E. H. Harris, W. G. White, W. D. Dayson, 16 each; Lieut. Harris, Corp. Ashby, W. G. Dayson, 16 each; Ptes. Locke, J. Taffrey, C. Brann, Trezner, Hamilton, C. Young, Milton, and Andrews, 15 each; Cor.-serg. Dunne, Drum-maj.

Pina, G. Bower, Grove, Guthrie, and T. E. Co., 16 each. Great praise is due to Sergt.-instr. Whitten, Drum-maj. Rollings, and Corp. Largent for the very efficient manner in which the arrangements were carried out. In the evening the prizes, which numbered about 60, were distributed at Northfield Hall, Highbury, by Capt. Clay, commander of the detachment. A dance followed.

LONDON IRISH.
 Col. Ward, C.B., V.C., commanding officer, announced that Sergt.-instr. J. Chapple had been appointed sergeant-major of the regiment, vice G. Reynolds, who was consequently retired a few days ago under the age clause after 17 years' service with the battalion.

4TH EAST SURREY.
 At the headquarters of this corps in Kensington Palace, a **STREET** was

the direction of Sergt. Remington. There was a large number of officers, non-commissioned officers, and men, and among those who contributed to the programme were: Sgt. Chivers, Messrs. Walker and Cole, Sergt. Remington, Corporal Bugler Jones, Bugler Lusk, Messrs. Knight, Carr, and S. Crowe.

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At the headquarters of this corps a regimental concert was given last night in the private recreation room, which was largely attended.

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"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

Drachm once meant neither more nor less than a handful. The longest tubular bridge in the Britannia, 264 feet.

Elton Christmas vacation will terminate on Jan. 22. Eucalyptus practiced surgery among the Greeks, and was deified after death, B.C. 950. Candlemas Day was first established as a festival by Pope Gelasius in the fifth century.

A teaspoonful of microbes contain over 4,000,000 individuals. A hundred years ago all naturalists taught that the pelican fed its young with its own blood.

An experimenter once drew out of the body of a spider 3,480 yards of thread—a length but little short of two miles.

Only the bitter-sweet and a few species of honeysuckle possess twining stems which increase in thickness from year to year. The Egyptian priests practiced amputations and made artificial legs and arms, A.C. 700.

Wheat is mentioned in the Scriptures as a well-known grain and under wide cultivation. A hundred years ago the West Indies supplied nearly all the cotton required for the world's markets.

A Baltimore policeman was recently fined by the police board of that city for interfering with a baseball game. While relieving another officer on duty during the game the offender walked across the field close to second base, and delayed the game fully 5 minutes.

A Russian baptism under the ritual of the Greek Church is a curious ceremony. A large wooden bowl is filled with water, and the priest takes the child in his arms, stuffs wadding into its ears and nostrils, and then plunges the little head under the water three times, during which period he repeats prayers for the Imperial family.

In Saxony no one is permitted to shoe horses unless he has passed a public examination and is properly qualified. A great school at Dresden has students from all parts of the world studying "farriery." This includes not only shoeing horses, but their care and treatment—a provision that saves a great deal of money for farmers and others owning horses.

The weaving and spinning of flax dates back to the days of prehistoric man. It was an honored art in ancient Egypt, and the Egyptian mummy-cloths are of linen. In the Old Testament flax is mentioned as forming the material for the priest's sacerdotal garments and the hangings for the Temple. Till quite modern days spinning and weaving were done entirely by hand.

The mail of the Emperor of Japan is more than 10 times as great as it was before the war with China began. There is not a city in the civilized world from which he does not receive letters in these days. Many of his correspondents seem to think that through him they can gain an entrance to the Japanese market, and the number of intentions of all kinds offered him for sale is enormous.

There is a great diversity of taste among the crowned heads of Europe as to the pleasantest method of puffing tobacco. The Emperor William prefers a pipe, generally a meerschaum; the Prince of Wales enjoys cigars and cigarettes, and then a briarwood pipe; the King of Spain is already old enough to roll his own cigarettes; the Czar of Russia, who is a great smoker, prefers to use a huge pipe.

Western Kansas is entirely unlike Holland because of the scarcity, almost the absence, of water, but is becoming much like the Dutch lowlands in the great abundance of windmills, and these are numerous as to fill up the landscape. In the town of Wilson a traveller counted 72 windmills in view from the hotel verandah. There is an excellent water supply a few feet below the surface in that region, and every man has an individual supply raised by the windmills.

The area of arable land in the United Kingdom has diminished to the extent of 289,414 acres—an area about equal to that of the county of Bedford; while an addition of only 22,217 acres has simultaneously been made to our total area of permanent grass land. There is a difference of 26,697 acres, which must now be regarded as lost out of cultivation. Land, a large area amounting to 39,868 acres, similarly disappeared from the aggregate area of cultivated land.

The Christmas tree in England is a comparatively modern importation, and came, together with kind-hearted Santa Claus, from Germany. The Prince Consort is credited with the introduction of the tree shortly after his marriage with Queen Victoria. It owes its origin, however, to the East, being an old Buddhist custom, and one which is still observed in Asia. It is interesting to note that our old friend Father Christmas is taken from the Priapus of Virgil and Petronius, who held in his bosom all manner of good things.

Said Pasha, the ex-Vizier, who took refuge at the British Embassy, and left it after a few days' shelter, is now declared by the Stamboul clique to be mad. According to Mohammedan ideas, a mad person is under God's special protection; though afflicted by the finger of the Lord, he is not to be killed. Said, therefore, will not be put to death; but he will be taken care of in another way, and rendered powerless for the future. The Sultan promised Said his life and a big pension, and this is how the rascal keeps his word to the letter, and yet does his ex-Vizier.

The culture of mussels is a characteristic, and its extent an almost peculiar industry, in the neighbourhood of La Rochelle. Mussels abound all along the coast in their natural state, but, as such, are ill-conditioned and often poisonous, whereas those brought up from the beds are plump, delicate in flavour, and wholesome as food. The industry has existed for over 600 years, but has been greatly developed recently. The produce of the bed in the Bay of Aiguillon amounts annually to between 350,000 and 400,000 bushels, having a value of £20,000 to £25,000.

Of the whole foreign trade of Japan, the British empire takes to-day more than 40 per cent., or, in other words, the trade between Japan and the British empire alone is to-day nearly half as much again as was the entire trade between Japan and all foreign countries ten years ago. The balance of trade, moreover, continues to be entirely in favour of the British empire, and especially of the United Kingdom. The total value of imports and exports from and to the British empire in 1894 was £2,846,154, whereas the imports into Japan represented £2,778,464, and the exports from Japan only £2,066,570; while of these amounts the United Kingdom itself imported £4,614,517.

A curious bet has just been won by Prince Solm-Horstmar, a smart young officer in the 3rd Prussian Uhlans Regiment. The Prince was travelling with some companions along a line of railway where the train has to take many ascending curves. The rate of progress was consequently slackened, and at last Prince Solm-Horstmar to his friends that they would reach their destination quite as quickly were they to get out and walk. They were to a discussion as to whether anyone could keep up with the train, even at the rate it was made, and the Prince promptly jumped out, ran a considerable distance beside the carriage, and jumped in again. Had this

happened on a London suburban line nobody would have taken the bet. Col. E. Eyre has been given an Indian good service.

Last year as many as 40 rabid dogs, as against 12 in 1894 and 8 in 1893, were killed in the streets of London.

Mr. E. Webb, of Clapham Common, who died recently, left a personal estate valued at £277,241 17s. 3d.

Sir W. White, Director of Naval Construction, who has been seriously ill for many months, is now convalescent.

Mr. J. Alexander, chief clerk at Bow-street Police Court, has resigned his appointment, and at the end of the week retired. He has been 44 years in the same office.

The coffee tree in its wild state will grow to a height of 30 feet. When cultivated it is pruned down to 5 feet for the convenience in gathering the crop.

Mr. Ritchie, President of the Board of Trade, has consented to receive a deputation on behalf of the Light Railways Association early in February.

A tradition of Taunton, who celebrated his 90th birthday last week, still officiates, though he has to be carried to the church on account of his infirmities from age.

In the London Bankruptcy Court lately, a debtor presented accounts showing debts amounting to no less a sum than £37,831, and assets that are estimated to realise £18 9s.

In the recent competition at St. John's College, Cambridge, H. C. Eckhardt and J. J. Willis, both of the Central Foundation Schools, were awarded the two chief foundation scholarships.

I regret that (within a week of 88 years of age) I am obliged to decline all public invitations and engagements of whatever nature," wrote Mr. Gladstone when asked to attend a public meeting.

At St. Pancras, one of the largest metropolitan parishes, Dr. Stevenson, the public analyst, found 78 samples of food adulterated out of 240 submitted to him for examination; practically out of every ten.

The Health Municipality has, with wide liberality, decided that Dr. Haffkine's anti-cholera inoculation experiments are to be continued for another year, and have assigned a grant of 7,500 rupees for the purpose.

Lord Rowton's Model Lodging House for men in the King's Cross-road, which has recently been completed at a cost of nearly £40,000, will be opened during the first week of January. The building affords sleeping accommodation for 800 men.

The death-rate in Dublin, which had been 25.1 and 20.1 per 1,000 in the two preceding weeks, rose again to 22.8 last week. The past 11 weeks of the current quarter the death-rate in Dublin has averaged 24.0 per 1,000, the rate during the same period being 18.0 in London and 17.2 in Edinburgh.

Some interesting discoveries have recently been made about animal life on the Hawaiian Islands. It appears that all the land and fresh-water shells are peculiar to the local fauna, and 700 out of the 1,000 species of insects do not exist in any other portion of the globe.

A lady member of the congregation of Holy Trinity, Tulsa-hill, has presented the Rev. E. L. Roxy—who is leaving the parish on his appointment to the rectory of Chelsea— with a parting gift of a silver cigarette case. The congregation has presented Mr. Roxy with a silver writing set and a cheque for 150 guineas.

Another new observatory has been erected in America, in connection with the new University at Minnesota. It has been fully equipped with all modern astronomical appliances, comprising, among other instruments, a 10-inch equatorial of 150 inches focal strength, a spectroscopic, and a photograph measuring machine. The observatory will be placed under the superintendence of Prof. Leavenworth.

The 75th anniversary of the entrance of Admiral Heiden into the Russian Navy has just been celebrated. The veteran was born on Jan. 18, 1806, and joined the Navy in 1820. He was present at the battle of Navarino as a lieutenant, his father commanding the Russian squadron on that memorable day in 1827. Admiral Heiden has had all the Russian decorations conferred upon him, the Order of St. Andrew, in brilliant.

According to the last annual statistics issued by Dr. Harris, medical officer of health for Islington, the death-rate was only 15.8 per 1,000 inhabitants—the lowest on record—and in this spite of the fact that the estimated population of the parish, estimated at 331,901, is four-fold what it was in 1840.

Scot Newington, with a death-rate of 9.8 per 1,000, and Hampstead, with a death-rate of 10.6 per 1,000, were alone of London parishes healthier than Islington.

Considerable discontent exists among Russian naval officers at Cronstadt, owing to their being left to carry out the ordinary duties of the marine. The military authorities refuse to lend such men to the navy, and in consequence several naval officers threaten to send in their papers.

The Russian Tibet expedition, which during the last two years, under the command of Capt. Boborovsky, has been exploring the territory, extending from Daungarra to Lyukchan, has just returned to Kaitien. It was a highly successful one, and brought back a good collection of natural history specimens. These consist of 280 specimens of mammals, 1,500 of birds, 450 of fishes, 30,000 of insects, 25,000 of plants, 390 of seeds, and 300 geological specimens. It traversed over 10,700 miles, and made a survey of 30,000 square miles.

The German settlers in East Africa are sending home requests for Christmas trees in such a quantity that a large plantation of firs in Posen has been set apart to meet the demand. Wagon loads of young firs are forwarded by the Silesian Railway to Berlin, and thence sent to Hamburg. They are confided to the care of the German Colonies, who carries them inland and distribute the welcome evergreens of the Northern forests to the eager Christmas-keeping exiles in the far South.

"The whole working of the system of huge hospitals for the admission of great numbers that presumably could be accommodated at home," remarks the "Lancet," alluding to the wholesale admission of patients to the hospitals of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, "requires immediate and close investigation as to its efficiency and expediency. Unfortunately it is one of those questions which have no party interest, and is too probable that any inch thick by merely placing his hand upon it, as if on a piano keyboard, and striking it sharply with his middle finger. The total pressure brought to bear on Chopin's last study in 5 minutes, which only takes 2 minutes and 5 seconds to play, is

equal to 3 tons. The average tonnage of his music was from 12 to 24 tons. A quantity of furniture has arrived at Walmer Castle from Hatfield, for Lord Salisbury. It is estimated that 25 tons of gold are mined every week throughout the world.

The will-o'-the-wisp is caused by the decay of vegetable matter. Lord Salisbury and Sir W. Harcourt weigh 18 stone each.

The earth receives only one two-billionth of the heat of the sun. The site of the Clerkenwell Workhouse in Farringdon-road is to be covered with a new building, which will cost £25,000.

The death is announced in Christiania, at the age of 51, of Herr Henrik Jæger, the well-known author and biographer of Ibsen. To polish kitchen knives nicely, mix a little bicarbonate of soda with brick dust, and rub the knives thoroughly.

The union was almost an object of worship with the Egyptians 2,000 years before the Christian era. It first came from India. Water is slightly compressible. No substance is non-compressible at existing temperatures.

A thousand of the threads spun by ordinary full-grown spiders, when taken together, do not equal in substance the size of a single human hair. Sarah Peckenbach was remanded at Liverpool, charged with fatally wounding her husband, who was stabbed during a quarrel, and who died on Feb. 21.

On Jan. 21, Mr. Barrett will bring out his "Sign of the Cross" at the Lyric Theatre, and on the 8th "Michael and his Lost Angel" is to be produced at the Lyceum.

Sir W. H. Broadbent has accepted the post of consulting physician to the West-end Hospital, in place of the late Dr. J. S. Brinkley.

The Duke of Cambridge has consented to preside at the banquet in aid of the funds of University College Hospital, which takes place at the Holborn Restaurant on May 6. Already since the General Election Lord Halsbury has appointed 3 County Court judges.

Now a taxing membership, worth £1,500 a year, is at his disposal. It is very probable that the mosaics in the choir of St. Paul's Cathedral will be finished in time to remove the scaffolding and canvas hangings before Easter.

The Belfast Workhouse authorities have sent 3 persons bitten by mad dogs to the neighbourhood to the Pasteur Institute, Paris, for treatment.

The Home Secretary, who has been seriously ill, is now making progress towards recovery. Sir W. Broadbent and the other medical attendants are hopeful of early restoration to complete health.

The chameleon's eyes are situated in bony sockets projecting from the head. By this in any direction without the slightest motion, save of the eye.

The Board of Trade Commissioners, as the result of an inquiry, have found that the London ship Loo, which "turned turtle," with the loss of 15 lives, was overloaded, and lacking in stability.

At the suggestion of the Local Government Board's own inspector, cocoa was substituted for gnu in the dietary of the children under the care of the Stroud Guardians. Now the Local Government Board want to know "the authority for the proposed alteration."

The dramatical recital given by Mrs. Scott Siddons before the German Emperor and Empress included the sleep-walking scene from "Macbeth," a sketch from Western life in America, and other pieces. Both the Emperor and Empress conversed cordially with the English actress.

There are at present two Chinese girls who are studying medicine at the University of Michigan. One of them, Miss Shie, has been elected secretary of the senior class. The ultimate object of these women is to return to China as Christian medical missionaries.

A recent invention provides for the automatic filling of shuttles in a cloth-weaving loom. Hitherto one man could attend 4 looms; by this invention one man can attend 16 looms; and as there is no necessity for stopping the looms while the shuttles are being filled, the quantity of cloth produced is doubled.

The Papal postage stamp issued in commemoration of Sept. 20, and which, of course, is only available for collections, has in the centre a vignette portrait of Leo XIII. upon a background, above which is written, "XIX SEPTEMBRE, 1895," while below, the words, "EVVIVA LEONE XIII," EVVIVA L'ITALIA.

A remarkable figure in the latter-day history of New Zealand has just passed away in the person of Major Wiremu Te Whero, who died at his settlement near Churcheville, on the Waikato River, on Feb. 30. Major Te Whero was 70 years of age, and was one of the most conspicuous figures in the disastrous wars which coloured the Waikato with blood in the "sixties."

It is stated that China has bought up the entire Chilean Fleet. In any case, it is certain the Chinese Government is enquiring how to get the fleet, and is proceeding to an unknown destination and return to China in charge of vessels acquired by the Government. None but British seamen are being employed for this purpose.

The time taken for the tissues of a fly left hand to give rise to a complete change of nature is eight to ten days more than that required for a renewal of those on the right hand. The growth is also known to be more rapid in children than in adults, and goes on faster in summer than in winter. It requires an average of 132 days for a renewal of the nails in winter, and but 116 during the spring and summer months—"Family Doctor."

Insects do not breathe through the nose and mouth. Down the body run two main pipes. These pipes send out branches to the extremities of the body, even to the ends of the antennae and to the claws. Each main tube receives the external air through fine spiracles along the sides of the body. The spiracles are made water-tight and dust-tight by a strong fringe of hair which completely guards the entrance.

Submarine cables are occasionally liable to injury from aquatic monsters. Not long ago the Brazilian cable was found to be working badly at a distance of about 70 miles from shore. The wire was hauled to the surface, when it was found that the body of a huge whale was entangled in it. The animal had got caught in the cable, and its frantic efforts to escape had only twisted the heavy wire more tightly round its body. When brought up the wire was found to be twisted

into a complicated series of knots round the Leviathan, which was quite dead. The British Medical Association will visit Carlisle next year.

Mr. Stanley Weyman is hard at work upon a new historical work. Lord Penrhyn has granted an abatement of 15 per cent. to all farm tenants whose rents exceed £10 per annum.

Kate Collins, laundress, Canning Town, for masquerading in male attire was at West Ham fined 5s. and costs. Twelve hundred tons of ostrich feathers have been exported from Cape Colony during the last 30 years.

Rubens of the pure pigeon-blood colour are so rare that they are worth 10 times their weight in diamonds. The walls of Babylon are said by Herodotus to have been 350ft. high, and 100ft. thick at the base.

Technically, any inhabitant of the United Kingdom is liable to be called upon to undertake the uncongenial task of hangman. The salary is £1 a week as a retaining fee, and £2 after an execution.

A long controversy was waged many years ago with regard to the origin of maize, one party holding that it was brought from the East into Europe in 1494 along with a bit of the true cross and various other sacred relics. This will meet on Jan. 1, 1896—Professor W. H. Parham, of Cincinnati; William R. Stewart, of Youngstown; and H. C. Smith, editor of the "Cleveland Gazette."

The Canopy of Wells Cathedral, worth £200 a year, and vacant by the death of the Bishop of Bath and Wells to Preb. Ainslie, of Over Stowey, and he has accepted it.

An anonymous donation of £1,000 and another of £500 have just been sent to the Rev. W. Carlile, hon. chief secretary of the Church Army, in aid of the work of the society amongst the Crystal Palace Co. in view of the great and increasing popularity of cycling as a pastime, have arranged to throw open the grand terrace to season-ticket holders for cycle racing between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

In consequence of a fall in the rents of their charity land, the trustees of Phillips' Charity, Lincolnshire, have been compelled to make a reduction of from 8 to 12 per cent. in the doles to be distributed amongst the poor of the parish.

Dinussul, son and heir of Cetewayo, the Zulu King, who, after the Zulu war, was transported to St. Helena, and who is the Bishop of Zululand, has accepted the offer. He expresses an earnest desire to have teachers sent to his people.

Jews living in the interior of Russia, who have been members of a first-class guild for 5 years will be permitted, by a recent decree, to retain a permanent domicile for themselves and their children in the places where they now reside.

With a view to extending the Russian export trade, the Ministers of Finance and Commerce are considering a project to hold an exhibition of Russian products in New York, and also contemplate founding a Russian bank in that city.

The Russian torpedo boats have been exhaustively tested on the destroyer Boxer, and it has been found that they cannot be relied upon for endurance, as there is so much erosion from the action of the powder, gases, and salt water.

The preparatory work for another great Russian engineering work has just been commenced in the Caucasus. This is the long-projected junction of the railway at Vladikavkaz with the Transcaucasian system at Tiflis.

Sir J. Salomons, the well-known Australian barrister, who had a good deal to do with the unravelling of the Deane case, has arrived in this city of London, and he is at present visiting being rest and health, he is at present seeking both in the Riviera, but he will come to England later.

An old Oxford correspondent writes protesting against the international football match played in Paris on Sunday. If Oxford, he says, is to play in 6 days, he says, or cannot arrange a match on some other day than the Sabbath, they are having too much of a good thing.

Two women rode in the first line of a party of cattle owners out hunting wolves near Chamberlain, Ohio, recently, and they are credited with killing several of the hunted animals. Grey wolves have been numerous in that region lately, and are causing much havoc on the cattle ranges.

M. Andree, who is going to try to reach the North Pole in a balloon, after experimenting with various stuffs, has found a material that will enable him to hold his own in the air. He has a cubic metre of gas instead of the 6,000 cubic metres thought necessary at first.

A bright girl in Maine recently began a composition thus:—"The Puritans found a lunatic asylum in the wilds of America." She had read in a book that the Puritans found a lunatic asylum in the wilds of America. She had read in a book that the Puritans found a lunatic asylum in the wilds of America. She had read in a book that the Puritans found a lunatic asylum in the wilds of America.

A number of friends of Mayor Shanahan, of Reading, Ct., proposed to present him with a silk gown to be worn while holding his morning Court. The mayor has emphatically declined the offer, saying that he is not inclined to such trappings, and that if he is not imprudent enough, and has not enough dignity in his ordinary clothes, he certainly would not appear more so in a gown.

In one of the leading New York papers the other morning, this remarkable advertisement appeared:—"To millions of persons who want to marry old, decrepit, young and pretty, modest and refined. Received best education abroad, speaks French like a Parisian, German like a Hanoverian, English like a Bostonian; plays piano like Paderewski, and is poor like Job. Address Parents, Box 100."

Another effort at harnessing the waves of the ocean and making practical use of their tremendous energy is being made on the Pacific coast. At Santa Cruz a motor is being installed. It is expected that it will be completed and in practical operation by January. The power obtained from the waves and tides is to be used for generating electricity to supply light and run the street cars.

There are 15,176 miles of street railway lines now in operation in the United States, according to the statistics in Poor's Directory, an increase of 3,514 miles over 1891. Of the total mileage 10,238 miles is operated by electricity, 478 miles by cable, 409 miles by steam, 87 miles by horse and mule power. The odd mile accounted for in these figures is distributed in fractions among the four groups.

An intelligent hunting dog, who had strayed away, was found in New Hartford, and the finder, Mr. Hartford, made a call upon the dog, and while talking asked the dog's name. "Hold him up to the telephone," was the reply. The part of the instrument was put to the dog's ear and the owner called "Dash." The dog recognised the voice, and set up a barking which showed his joy.

A conference is to be held at Chester early in January between the 3 railway companies touching on Chester, with a view to a re-arrangement of the railway rates for agricultural produce. The N.W. Railway Co. have already offered a reduction of 10 to 15 per cent. on long distance traffic, and are pressing their proposals to any arguments in favour of placing English farmers

on an equal footing with the foreigner as regards through rates. Mr. Mawley, town clerk of Dewsbury, has been selected as new town clerk of Crofton.

A steamship is on her way from New York with a sum of £702,000 for the Bank of England. The Rev. H. A. Hall, headmaster of Totnes Grammar School, has been elected to the headmastership of Beigate School.

Capt. S. Smith, instructor of gunnery in Bombay, has been appointed to the School of gunnery staff at Shoeburyness. The question of converting Burma into a lieutenant-governorship will, in all probability, be taken into consideration during the coming session.

At a court held recently, the Saddlers' Company made grants out of their corporate funds to hospitals and other public institutions amounting to £1,500.

A labourer's wife, named Richardson, of Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire, who gave birth to triplets, has received the usual bounty of £3 from the Queen.

Sir S. Baker, of the Poulterers' Company, has been appointed by the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn a member of the board of examiners.

The Duchess of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha has forwarded a Christmas gift of toys and books for the little inmates of the Victoria Hospital for Children, Queen's-road, Chelsea.

Herr Sommer, chief engineer of the Municipal Electrical Works at Frankfurt, has been elected to the strength of about 3,000 volts. The report of the Imperial Bank of Persia for the year ended Sept. 30, states that the gross profits, after making provision for bad and doubtful debts, amounted to £27,335.

Miss L. Aldrich-Blake has the distinction of being the first of her sex to take the degree of Bachelor of Science of London University. She has had a brilliant career, and is an M.D. as well as an M.B.

While being driven near Nunceaton, Mr. C. G. Booth, private secretary to Mr. Newderrate, M.P. for Nunceaton, was thrown from a vehicle and sustained a compound fracture of the right arm.

Mr. W. H. Peerce characterises members of the learned societies and of the engineering world as ministers of peace, his argument being that science and engineering combined have led to happiness and to rest.

Sir R. Thompson is making an urgent appeal for new subscribers to the Middlesex Hospital. The yearly expenditure on maintaining the 300 beds and affording treatment to over 38,000 out-patients is upwards of £20,000.

The Queen having been pleased to approve Mr. J. Forbes and Mr. F. A. Bosanquet as commissioners of assize, they will go the ensuing N. Wales Circuit and Western Circuit respectively.

The Fishmongers' Co. have founded a scholarship of £50 per annum at the City and Guilds of London Technical College, Finsbury, in memory of the late Prof. Huxley.

According to a report which has reached Belgrade from Sofia, some unknown persons broke into the Chancellery of the Serbian diplomatic agency in that city on Dec. 12, and ransacked the drawers and despatch boxes.

In one part of India there are about 100,000 persons, mostly adult males, who are every year drawn off the land, and enabled to find a livelihood by the diversity of occupations which Calcutta trade and English capital have created.

The total amount of the investments of the friendly societies of New South Wales is about £520,000, or about 27 per member, while the annual amount of relief granted as sick pay, irrespective of the value of medical attendance and medicine, is about £60,000.

Sir C. Hallé has left behind him an autobiography extending to 1880, which is to be published. It contains interesting accounts of his life in Paris, when he was in constant intercourse with Wagner, Berlioz, Massenet, and others.

Although the 3 years for which he was appointed as captain of the Steam Reserve at Chatham do not expire until Jan. 1, he expected to leave the Reserve, and will resign the position in March, when he will have served the necessary sea time to qualify him for flag rank on the active list.

The Cape Customs revenue for November shows an increase of £51,899 as compared with November last year. The railway revenue for the week ended Dec. 22, 1895, was £440,000. It is estimated that the Treasurer-general's Budget for the current year will show a surplus of £250,000.

Estate duty has been paid upon £30,715, as the net value, the gross value being £61,236, of the personal estate of Mr. C. T. Praed, of Edgewood Hall, Surrey, and formerly of Cadogan-place, M.P. for St. Paul, was from 1874 to 1890.

A new disease, called the "telephone ear," is said to be prevalent among the telephone girls. It is caused by the constant use of the ear to keep the receiver of the telephone to the ear. Buzzing in the ear and headaches are the first symptoms, and in some cases abscesses form on the drum of the ear. To stamp out this complaint it will be necessary for the telephone companies to let the girls take an hour of recreation after every 2 or 3 hours at work.

There is no real probability of Canon Barnett's offer to build a town hall for Whitechapel at a cost of £20,000 being accepted. The offer includes the building of a picture gallery, which is to be open 6 months in the year. The local authorities do not see their way to accept any offer imposing conditions and the onerous duties of a town hall in very strong. The refusal will probably lead to Town Hall possessing its own picture gallery.

A method of silvering mirrors has recently been patented by M. Hans Boas, of Kiel. It is based on the fact that when one of the metal forms is placed in contact with the other, a trace of hydrogen, this metal is volatilised by the current, and is deposited as a firmly-adherent and highly-polished layer on the walls of the tube. The mirror thus produced is said to be of much greater brilliancy than can be obtained by the more orthodox methods.

The menu card presented to the members of the Calcutta and St. Andrew's Society on the occasion of their annual dinner, recently held, embodied the result of no little antiquarian research. It contained authentic portraits of James Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd, Montrose, Chesham, John Knox, the Duke of Hamilton, Lewis, and others, and was a valuable addition to the dinner.

N.B.—Clothing, blankets, and boots are most acceptable. Rector's Vestry, Clare Market, Dec. 1895.

Dr. Joachim, the eminent violinist, has found time during his many engagements of a busy season to devote some of his spare hours to the study of the violin, which is especially intended for performance at the anniversary of the Berlin Glee Society. This institution was founded in 1781 by Gleditsch, a friend of the Duke of Brunswick, and has since that time been a source of much pleasure to the public. Gleditsch, who died in 1801, while his present hall was not built till 1827. Gleditsch's avowed object was the encouragement of sacred music, particularly that of without accompaniment, and amongst the chief of the performers was that of Gleditsch's own part. Gleditsch, a capella. It was here that the revival of Gleditsch's music was made possible to place in 1828.

A duel with swords was fought this week in the park of St. James between the well-known professors of fencing, M.M. Rue and Vigent. After a hot encounter, M. Vigent was slightly wounded in the forehead.

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